Adult and non-formal education centres in Himachal Pradesh

258. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of adult and non-formal education centres operating in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether all these centres are operating smoothly;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to set up more such centres in the State; and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMAJ: (a) to (d) Continuing Education Centres (CECs) which target Aduit non-literates and neoliterates in the age group of 15—35 years are established under the scheme of Continuing Education. Under the scheme, 2964 Continuing Education Centres have been sanctioned in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh. All these Centres are operating smoothly.

The efforts of the Government ^:e to bring all the remaining 11 districts of the State of Himachal Pradesh under the scheme of Continuing Education during Tenth Plan.

The scheme of Non Formal Education has been revised as the Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS & A1E), as part of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan targeting the age group of 6—14 years and made operational *w.e.f.* 1.4.2001. Hence no funding is being provided to the erstwhile Non Formal Education Centres with effect from 1.4.2001.

The EGS & AIE scheme and District Primary Education Programme provide for opening of Altermative Schools/EGS Centres in habitations, which do not have a school within a radius of 1 km. and adoption of other strategies to meet the varied needs of out of school children. Under the Scheme of District Primary Education Programme, 75 Alternative Learning Schools have been sanctioned, 25 each in Sirmour, Kullu and Chamba districts.

Training-cum-production centres for women in H.P.

259. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the Central scheme for setting up employment and income generating training-cum-production centres for women in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) the details regarding the number of centres and women beneficiaries for the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The scheme for setting up employment and income generating training-cum-production centres for women in Himachal Pradesh is being implemented through voluntary organizations/Himachal Pradesh Mahila Kalyan Nigam, Solan.

(b) As per Statement given below.

Statement

Training-cum-production centres for women in H.P.

Name of the Scheme	1998-99			1999-2000			2000-2001		
	No. of Projects Sanctioned	No. of Benf.	Amount Released (Rs in lakhs	No. of Projects Sanctioned	No. of Benf.	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs	No. of Projects sanctioned	No. of Benf.	Amount Relca-'sed Rs. in lakhs)
Training-cum-Production Centre	8	250	13.45	19	775	24.42	7	340	16.93

Expenditure on education for all above 14

† 260. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that an annual expenditure of Rs. 9800 crores has been estimated to educate every child upto age of 14 years during next ten years;

(b) if not, the actual assessment of the amount to be spent; and

(c) the estimate of annual expenditure to achieve targets in each State and how this much estimated expenditure is higher or lower than the present average annual expenditures in each State?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.